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**COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF  
POST-TRAVEL SUBMISSION**

**Instructions:** Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the **Office of Public Records** in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. **Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.**

**SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN 232 HART BUILDING**

Name of Traveler: John Cornyn

Employing Office/Committee: Office of U.S. Senator John CORnyn

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): American Enterprise Institute (AEI)

Travel Date(s): August 12-15, 2021

Description/Title of Attached Forms: \_\_\_\_\_

1) Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and 2) Agenda

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): \_\_\_\_\_

Revision by AEI after post-travel forms had already been submitted

12/23/2021  
(Date)

John Cornyn  
(Signature of Traveler)

## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): American Enterprise Institute (AEI)
  
  2. Description of the trip: Gathering for AEI scholars, supporters, national leaders, and notable intellectuals to discuss today's pressing policy issues in an off-the-record setting
  
  3. Dates of travel: August 12-15, 2021
  
  4. Place of travel: Jackson Hole, Wyoming
  
  5. Name and title of Senate invitees: The list of Senate invitees is attached.
  
  6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
    - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
    - OR -
    - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
  
  7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
    - AND -
    - ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
  
  8. I *certify* that:
    - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
    - AND -
    - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

-- OR --

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

-- OR --

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

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11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

AEI organizes the trip and plans the agenda, while AEI scholars lead panel discussions on policy issues.

AEI is responsible for all the logistical aspects of getting the Senator to and from the conference.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

AEI is a non-profit, tax-exempt, public policy research organization. The retreat seeks to encourage

frank and free-ranging conversations over a number of public policy issues important to today's world. AEI

expects the retreat to inspire ideas that expand human dignity and human potential at home and abroad.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

This is the 5th year of the Jackson Hole retreat. For 37 years, AEI has also hosted the World Forum, a similar retreat. For each of these, AEI invites a number of public officials to join the conversation.

Members from both the House and Senate regularly attend. 2019 was the last time senators attended.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

AEI hosts around 250 public events each year, in addition to distributing other educational materials via online resources, including the AEI website and emails. These products cover a number of topics and seek to encourage the competition of ideas.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$2730.80 (\$2378.80 - 2 round trip flights; \$352 - round trip ground transportation)	\$0	\$1750 (\$875 each for Senator and spouse)	None

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

This trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

AEI hosts two annual retreats/conferences - the first is held in GA for close proximity to the East Coast.

Jackson Hole is chosen for the second due to its close proximity to the West Coast and Midwest.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Lodging not provided by AEI.

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Proximity to meeting location - all programming takes place at the Four Seasons Jackson Hole.

All participants in the event also stay at the Four Seasons Jackson Hole.



21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Please see addendum at the end of this document.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Round trip commercial air travel - economy class; round trip ground transportation - town car service.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Bailey Barker

Name and Title: Bailey Barker, Director, Executive Office

Name of Organization: American Enterprise Institute

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## ADDENDUM

### Question 5:

Invited Senators to the 2021 Jackson Hole Retreat:

- John Barrasso
- Shelley Capito
- Bill Cassidy
- Susan Collins
- John Cornyn
- Tom Cotton
- Joni Ernst
- Tim Kaine
- Joe Manchin
- Mitch McConnell
- Patrick McHenry
- Rob Portman
- James Risch
- Marco Rubio
- Ben Sasse
- Tim Scott
- Rick Scott
- Kyrsten Sinema
- John Thune
- Pat Toomey
- Mark Warner
- Roger Wicker
- Todd Young

### Question 21:

The cost of meals (\$75/breakfast, \$100/lunch, \$125/dinner; \$100/reception) reflects the catering cost charged to AEI by the hotel. Alcohol is not included. This trip was arranged without regard to congressional participation, and we verify that no special treatment was given to members in either lodging or food. These amounts are higher than the maximum per diem rates for official travel for a variety of reasons. Jackson Hole is incredibly busy this summer and as such all hotel rates and food costs are significantly more expensive than usual. Additionally, there are increased costs associated with hosting an event as the country recovers from a pandemic. The Four Seasons Jackson Hole was chosen as the event location without regard for Congressional participation, and is the lodging option for Members of Congress as well as all other guests. Members and other AEI guests stay at the Four Seasons in order to fully engage with the event – all programming is hosted onsite at the Four Seasons. We have the Members stay at the same location so they can get the most out of their time in Jackson Hole by having easy access to both programming and other attendees.

# 2021 AEI Jackson Hole Retreat | August 12–15, 2021

## Itinerary – Sen. John Cornyn



### Thursday, August 12

6:07 p.m. – Arrival, Jackson Hole Airport

7:00–7:30 p.m. Opening Reception, Four Seasons Jackson Hole

### Friday, August 13

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:00–9:00 a.m. Breakfast Conversation

#### Trouble in the Classroom: Understanding the Threat to Our Nation's Schools and Universities

Robert George, Jason Riley, and Max Eden (Moderator)

The debates about critical race theory and woke activism in our universities and schools have taken center stage in America. How serious is the threat to our educational institutions, and what are the likely outcomes of the current efforts at the national and state levels to resist the activists' efforts? Will today's activism eventually fade like the political correctness movement of the 1990s did, or are things different now? What can lawmakers, administrators, and parents do to protect the integrity of our schools and campuses? Join us for a lively discussion of these and other questions as we consider how to improve the quality of learning in America and resist efforts to push our educational institutions toward radical goals.

9:15–10:15 a.m. Morning Session I

#### What We Know and Don't Know About Climate Change—and What We Should Do

Steven Koonin, Ryan Lance, and Ryan Streeter (Moderator)

Physicist Steven Koonin created waves in the climate change debates with the publication of his book, *Unsettled: What Climate Science Tells Us, What It Doesn't, and Why It Matters* (BenBella Books, 2021), which dispassionately lays out the empirical case for why a number of claims about climate change that have become conventional wisdom are not settled science. Ryan Lance has had to contend with climate science while leading one of the world's largest energy companies. Join us for a deep dive into what we do and do not know about climate change and how we should be thinking about the relationship of innovation, energy, and the climate in a debate that has grown intensely ideological and political.

10:30–11:30 a.m. Morning Session II

#### What If We're Wrong? Geopolitics and the Future of War

John Abizaid, Kimberly Kagan, Michael Nagata, and Frederick Kagan (Moderator)

US policymakers are shaping military modernization and global strategy around the assumptions that in future conflict, China will be the enemy and advanced technology both the challenge and the solution. What if they're wrong? What are the real dangers posed to the US by developments in the Middle East, Russia, and beyond? Can deterrence work in multisided conflicts involving both state and non-state actors, and, if so, how? Is the use of nuclear weapons in conflict becoming more likely? What must the US do to modernize its military beyond buying high-tech systems? This panel will explore these questions to consider what America must do to prepare itself for the increasingly dangerous world ahead.

11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Lunch Conversation

#### No Way to Treat a Child

Naomi Schaefer Riley and Robert Doar (Moderator)

There are 800,000 children who are found to have been abused or neglected by their caretakers each year, resulting in 440,000 children being removed from their families and placed in foster care. The disintegration of the family and the scourge of a drug epidemic are destroying children's lives, and our nation's approach to helping kids at risk has been a failure. Naomi Schaefer Riley's new, hard-hitting book on this topic, *No Way to Treat a Child: How the Foster Care System, Family Courts, and Racial Activists Are Wrecking Young Lives* (Bombardier Books, 2021), will be released this fall. Please join her and Robert Doar for a conversation focused on solutions: Where are the emotionally and financially stable, loving, and permanent homes for kids in danger?

**1:15–2:45 p.m. Seminar Session****In Defense of Economic Liberalism**

Michael Strain

Economic liberalism is under attack from the progressive left and the populist right. Both argue that free markets and limited government have been a disaster for typical workers and households and for the nation as a whole. In this seminar, Michael Strain will present research showing that the doomsaying is wrong. Capitalism isn't broken. The game isn't rigged. Moreover, economic liberalism inculcates virtue—in individual citizens and society as a whole—and is a necessary complement to individual liberty. Strain will discuss threats to liberalism and policies to complement it.

**3:00–5:30 p.m. Executive Time**

Executive time offers an opportunity for Members of Congress to connect with AEI scholars or other guests and continue the discussions prompted by the day's sessions, open dialogues on related policy topics, and engage with the conference's themes in informal settings.

**5:45–8:00 p.m. Reception and Dinner (Hurley Residence)****8:15–9:15 p.m. Dinner Conversation****A Conversation with Former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie**

Chris Stirewalt (Moderator)

What is the current state of affairs in state governments, and what should it be? Gov. Christie will discuss his view of how state policy ties into the national arena, and where he thinks the US is heading in the long term.

**Saturday, August 14****7:30 a.m. Breakfast****8:00–9:00 a.m. Breakfast Conversation****Survival of the City**

Edward Glaeser and Michael Strain (Moderator)

Harvard economist Edward Glaeser discusses his new book (coauthored with David Cutler) on how cities are changing in the face of existential threats—threats that have only accelerated because of the pandemic. Urban density breeds illness, vice, and crime. It is also a key ingredient in national creativity, innovation, and the generation of wealth. Cities stand at a crossroads. Glaeser's book outlines what will distinguish cities that will flourish from those that won't.

**9:15–10:15 a.m. Morning Session I****A Conversation with Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)**

James Pethokoukis (Moderator)

The senator will discuss the challenges he faces in the Senate and his experiences, as well as offering insight into the current state of Congress. Coming from a unique state with its own problems and policy agenda, the Senator will offer a unique perspective on the ways in which the Senate operates and its objectives.

**10:30–11:30 a.m. Morning Session II****The Post-Pandemic Economy**

R. Glenn Hubbard, Phil Gramm, Marc Sumerlin, and James Pethokoukis (Moderator)

Economic disruptions from COVID-19 have largely ended, but the effects of the pandemic are still with us. The economy's reopening and fiscal stimulus have led to a surge of demand, and supply is struggling to keep up. The pandemic may have also ushered in longer-lasting changes. What is the outlook for the economy? And what will become of President Joe Biden's economic policy agenda?

**11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Lunch Conversation****A Conversation with Sens. John Cornyn (R-TX) and Rick Scott (R-FL)**

Chris Stirewalt (Moderator)



The Senators will discuss present issues they face in Congress, including the current state of the economy and its impact on policy, as well as their view of the future of America.

1:15–2:45 p.m.      Seminar Session

#### **Risks of Biden's Defense Policy**

Zack Cooper and Kori Schake

Long concerned with the underfunding of America's defense program, AEI has developed a Defense Futures Simulator that translates strategies into force structures and budgets, revealing where an administration's rhetoric departs from what it is funding and therefore capable of doing militarily. The software is intended to assist journalists, congressional staffers, and defense experts to evaluate alternative strategies and spending profiles. Zack Cooper leads the development team, and he'll demonstrate how it works using examples from the Joe Biden administration's 2021 budget. Kori Schake will discuss the Biden national security strategy more broadly, highlighting emerging areas of concern.

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5:45–6:45 p.m.      Reception

6:45–8:30 p.m.      Dinner and Conversation

#### **Richard Nixon, Then and Now**

Andrew Ferguson and Robert Doar (Moderator)

In 1971, the United States was in the third year of Richard Nixon's first administration. A series of 50 anniversaries—of the Pentagon Papers, the opening to China, the Watergate break-in, the first Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, the most lopsided presidential reelection in American history, the Paris Peace Accords, and, finally, the president's resignation—ensures that Nixon, his administration, and his policies will be frequently in the news in the next few years. Andrew Ferguson, a nonresident fellow at AEI and a contributing writer to the *Atlantic*, is working on a book about Nixon and his continuing impact on American culture. He and Robert Doar will explore Nixon's influence then and now. How did a small-town lawyer from a California farm town rise to become the greatest political figure of his era, pursuing a public career that lasted nearly half a century, and what does his rise (and fall) tell us about American politics today?

### **Sunday, August 15**

7:30–9:00 a.m.      Informal Breakfast

11:06 a.m. – Flight departs Jackson Hole Airport